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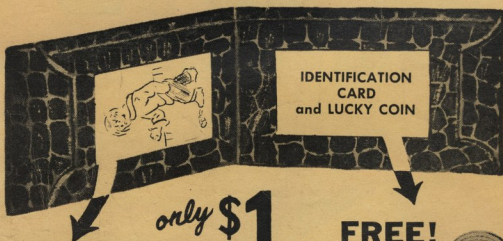
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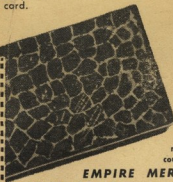
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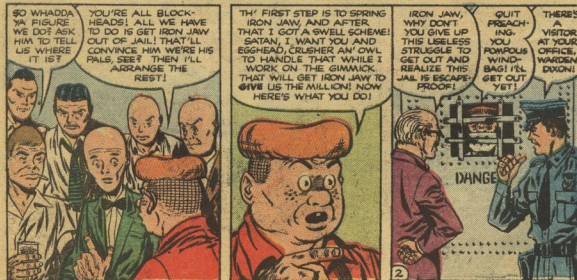
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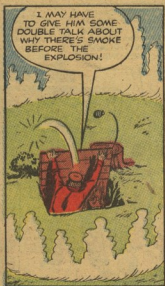
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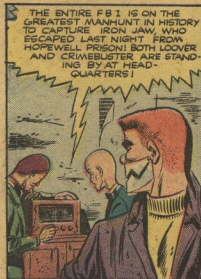
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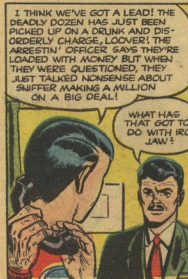














YOU'RE IN FOR A BIGGER SURPRISE IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF BOY COMICS WHEN THE DEADLY DOZEN ADMITS A NEW MEMBER — WHO IS HE? CAN IT BE IRON JAW WHO IS NOW AS YOU SEE THEIR SWORN ENEMY?

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INTRODUCING ROCKY X

OF THE ROCKETEERS

STORY BY

**CHARLES
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ROCKY! THE METEOR'S
COMING STRAIGHT
AT US!

DRAWN
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**NORMAN
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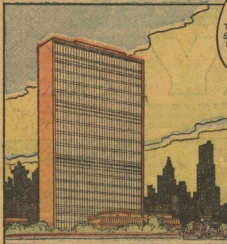
WHO IS ROCKY X?

NEVER BEFORE IN THE REMARKABLE HISTORY OF COMIC BOOKS HAVE READERS SO UNANIMOUSLY INDICATED THEIR PREFERENCE FOR A CERTAIN TYPE OF STORY! YOU MAY RECALL THE QUESTIONNAIRE I RAN IN ISSUE NO. 66, LISTING NUMEROUS TYPES OF ADVENTURES TO CHOOSE FROM! THE RESULTS, PUBLISHED IN ISSUE NO. 75 VOTED ADVENTURES INTO SPACE AS THE HEAVY FAVORITE! HERE IS THE FEATURE THAT WAS BORN OF YOUR SUGGESTIONS! TRY IT ON FOR SIZE—I KNOW IT'LL FIT!

Charles Biro



THE PLACE IS THE UNITED NATIONS! A CRUCIAL MEETING ON SPACE CONTROL IS IN SESSION...



IN CONCLUSION, GENTLEMEN, I AM CONVINCED THAT MY ROCKET WILL REACH THE MOON! YOU HAVE SEEN MY PLANS! IT IS UP TO YOU TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT THE U.N. WILL SUPPORT MY PROPOSALS!

WE ARE CONVINCED THAT YOU PERFECTED A SPACE ROCKET, DR. LIEBERT, BUT COULD A U.N. SPACE FORCE BE BASED ON THE MOON?

A U.N. POST COULD BE SET UP AS SOON AS A ROCKET LANDS! I NEED NOT STATE THAT THIS MATTER HAS BEEN KEPT IN THE UTMOST SECRECY, TO PREVENT THE UNSCRUPULOUS FROM LEARNING OF OUR PROGRESS! WITH YOUR APPROVAL, I WILL TAKE MY PLANS TO THE U.S. SENATE, WHERE THE NECESSARY FUNDS ARE TO BE APPROPRIATED!



VERY WELL, GENTLEMEN, I BELIEVE WE ARE READY TO BRING DR. LIEBERT'S PROPOSAL TO A VOTE! PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND IF YOU WISH TO INDOORSE HIS PLAN!

YOU HAVE OUR UNANIMOUS APPROVAL, DR. LIEBERT!

SPLENDID! I WILL FLY TO WASHINGTON AT ONCE! SENATOR JAYNES, CHAIRMAN OF THE SPACE CONTROL COMMITTEE, IS WAITING FOR ME TO TESTIFY BEFORE A SPECIAL SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE! IF THEY APPROVE WE ARE CERTAIN TO BE VOTED THE FUNDS WE NEED!

MEANWHILE, IN THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON, SOME NEWLY GRADUATED F.B.I. AGENTS ARE BEING SHOWN THROUGH THE BUILDING!

THIS IS OUR PRIVATE SHOOTING RANGE, GENTLEMEN! YOU'LL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO SOME SHOOTING AFTER THIS TOUR IS OVER!

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF ALL THIS, ROCKY?

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THAT'S US, ROCKY!

YOUR FIRST ASSIGNMENT, MEN! AN ARMORED TRUCK IS WAITING! YOU'RE GOING TO THE HOME OF A DOCTOR LIEBERT, AND ESCORT HIM TO THE BUILDING! COMPLETE INSTRUCTIONS ARE IN THIS ENVELOPE! ONE WORD OF CAUTION, DR. LIEBERT IS TESTIFYING ON AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT ISSUE, AND HE MAY BE IN DANGER! NEED I SAY MORE?

NO, SIR!

GOSH, ROCKY! OUR FIRST ASSIGNMENT! SOUNDING LIKE REAL CLOAK AND DAGGER STUFF!

IF THIS DR. LIEBERT RATES AN ARMORED TRUCK, HE'S A PRETTY IMPORTANT GUY!



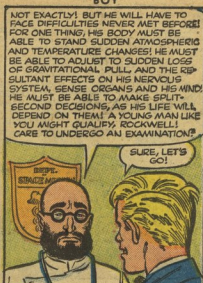








CONSTRUCTION OF THE ROCKET BEGAN, WHEN ANOTHER VITAL PROBLEM AROSE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE MEDICINE.



THE SIX WEEKS PASSED QUICKLY!
THE ROCKETS WERE READY...

YOUR FORMAL TRAINING IS NOW OVER! FROM NOW ON, YOU'RE GOING TO BE WORKING WITH THE REAL THING! YOU'LL BE ISSUED UNIFORMS THIS AFTERNOON AND THE FIRST FLIGHT TAKES PLACE AFTER THE CEREMONIES TOMORROW!

BOY! I THOUGHT THIS MOMENT WOULD NEVER COME!

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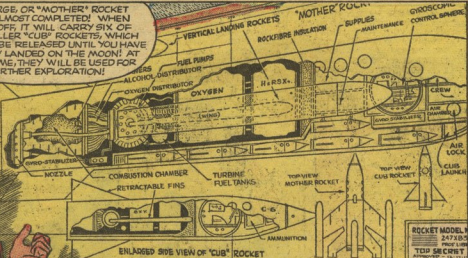
MY HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MEN OF THE ROCKETEERS! YOU ARE NOW READY FOR A JOB WHICH MAY DETERMINE THE PEACE OF THE WORLD FOR GENERATIONS TO COME! I WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU THE BEST OF LUCK FOR THE SPECIAL TEST WHICH YOU ARE TO MAKE TODAY, AND FOR WHAT YOU WILL FACE IN THE MONTHS TO COME...

...AND IN CONCLUSION, LET ME EXTEND TO YOU MY OWN AND MY COUNTRY'S CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES! NOW, I WOULD LIKE TO TURN THE SPEAKERS' PLATFORM OVER TO DR. MICHAEL!

NOW THAT YOU UNDERSTAND THE THEORY BEHIND SPACE TRAVEL, I AM GOING TO EXPLAIN THE CRAFT IN WHICH YOU WILL MAKE THE FIRST INTERPLANETARY FLIGHT!



THIS LARGE, OR "MOTHER" ROCKET IS NOW ALMOST COMPLETED! WHEN IT TAKES OFF, IT WILL CARRY SIX OF THE SMALLER "CUB" ROCKETS, WHICH WILL NOT BE RELEASED UNTIL YOU HAVE ACTUALLY LANDED ON THE MOON! AT THAT TIME, THEY WILL BE USED FOR FURTHER EXPLORATION!



ROCKET MODEL
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U.S. ARMY AIR FORCE

EACH OF THE "CUB" ROCKETS WILL CARRY A TWO MAN CREW...I'LL ASSIGN YOUR SHIPS RIGHT NOW! CUB SHIP NUMBER ONE WILL BE MANNED BY WILLIAM ROCKWELL AND SIMPSON SMITH! AS THE LEADER OF THIS GROUP, ROCKWELL WILL HAVE THE HONOR OF CONDUCTING THE FIRST TEST FLIGHT OF A "CUB" ROCKET!

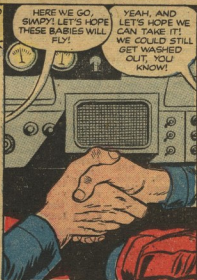
HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT, SIMP? WE'RE GETTING TO MAKE THE FIRST TEST!

SWELL!



FOR SECURITY REASONS, YOU WILL BE KNOWN FROM NOW ON BY THE FOLLOWING CODE NAMES... WILLIAM ROCKWELL WILL BE KNOWN AS ROCKY X! SIMPSON SMITH WILL BE CALLED SIMPSON G! CHARLES FOX WILL BE KNOWN AS CHARLIE R! WILLIAM EVANS WILL BE...





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Scarecrow's Success Story



Mr. Blarnegie's lecture was well-attended. Two of the most rapt members of the audience were Slugger and Scarecrow. After the lecture was over, Slugger was surprised when Scarecrow hurriedly said, "Wait a minute, Slugger. I'll be right back." Slugger patiently waited, he didn't know how long, as he mused on the many thoughts that Mr. Blarnegie had presented that evening.

"What a man!" thought Slugger. "No, not what a man, what a personality! I too, could be a success..." Slugger dismissed Mr. Blarnegie from his mind as Scarecrow clumsily ran up to him.

"Okay, Slugger, let's go," rasped Scarecrow.

Slugger and Scarecrow discussed Mr. Blarnegie's theories on the way home. Slugger was now convinced that what Mr. Blarnegie said might hold true for some people, but somehow, after much thought, he didn't think he'd fit into the pattern. Slugger was willing, when they reached home, to dismiss Mr. Blarnegie's theories from his mind. But not so Scarecrow.

For the next few days Scarecrow seemed to be wandering around the barn in a daze. As this often happened, the other Wise Guys didn't pay too much attention. Whenever the postman came, Scarecrow would rush to the door to see if he'd brought anything for him. Still the Wise Guys paid little attention.

One day the postman brought a small, flat package to Scarecrow. Scarecrow raced into the bedroom and crawled up on his bunk. He opened the package, buried his nose in the book it contained, and was lost to the rest of the world, the barn and the other Wise Guys. At dinner time Curly had to nudge him hard to remind him that it was time to eat. That was unusual.

Still the other Wise Guys paid little attention to Scarecrow. Only after a few days they began to notice a difference. One eve-

ning at dinner as Curly slid a plate of baked beans down towards Scarecrow, Scarecrow sat quietly and said, "Thank you very much, Curly."

"Huh?" gasped Curly. "Oh, that's all right, Scarecrow, any time."

Scarecrow politely sat with his hands folded in his lap, waiting for the other Wise Guys to sit down to the table. When they were seated and had started eating, Scarecrow joined them. Somehow Scarecrow didn't seem to be shoveling the food in the way he usually did. When he said, "May I please have the catsup, Slugger?" all three Wise Guys looked up in amazement.

"What's the matter?" replied Slugger. "You've still got arms."

Scarecrow ignored Slugger's reply and waited until Slugger passed the catsup his way. Then he said, "Thank you, Slugger."

"Want me to pour it on for you?" queried Slugger.

"Oh, no, that won't be necessary," replied Scarecrow.

This continued for days. Scarecrow maintained his polite, cool attitude and somehow the other Wise Guys unconsciously began to watch their manners. Much to the Wise Guys' surprise, Scarecrow seemed to be shaming them out of their slovenly habits and they all found themselves acting as though they were at finishing school. Finally one day Slugger couldn't stand it any longer.

"Listen, Scarecrow," he said, "this good manners stuff is fine but we just don't relax and have any fun any more."

"Fun is not determined by lack of manners," replied Scarecrow, concluding the conversation and leaving Slugger with his mouth wide open.

Whenever one of their friends would come over in the evening, Scarecrow was always

the essence of politeness. The various visitors always left the barn wide-eyed in amazement. Jerry Colburn came over one evening. Scarecrow greeted him at the door.

"Good evening, Jerry. How very nice to see you. Won't you come in?"

"Hi ya, Scarecrow," said Jerry, as he breezed through the door.

"Won't you have a chair?" continued Scarecrow, before the other Wise Guys had a chance to speak. "And, I think we have some milk. Can I get you some?"

"Oh, er, ah, no thanks," muttered Jerry, as he staggered into the waiting chair.

"Now, Jerry," continued Scarecrow, concentrating very hard on their visitor. "Tell us what's on your mind?"

"Well, not much as a matter of fact, Scarecrow," answered Jerry as he threw a helpless look at the other Wise Guys. "I just wondered if you guys would like to play touch football tomorrow."

"I think that's an excellent idea," answered Scarecrow, "providing, of course, the other boys would like to. Exercise is one of the many parts of a fully rounded life."

"Huh?" gulped Jerry, as he got up from his chair. "Well, maybe not tomorrow. Maybe some other day. I think I'd better be going."

Jock and Curly and Slugger all looked at each other and shrugged. Slugger was just ready to take the matter in hand when there was a weak knock at the door. Scarecrow obligingly went to the door. There on the threshold was a little lady of about sixty, trembling in the late summer night air.

"How do you do," greeted Scarecrow in his warmest tone. "Won't you come in?"

The little lady tremblingly replied, "Oh yes, thank you. You are very kind."

"Not at all, it's a privilege," smiled Scarecrow, as he put his arm around her shoulders and escorted her through the door.

After Scarecrow had made her comfortable with his usual routine of offering a chair and some milk, he continued to speak while the other Wise Guys gaped in astonishment.

"Now, tell us what is bothering you. You do look troubled."

"Oh, I am. You are so kind. I have lost my little dog. I don't know what to do."

"Oh, what a shame," sympathized Scarecrow, as he patted the lady gently on the shoulder.

The little lady went on at great length about the dog. Scarecrow listened attentively to every word, though the other Wise Guys decided after they'd heard the first ten words they need hear no more. All reached the conclusion that the "poor little dog" was probably waiting at home for her right now and that the dog was probably the only sensible member of the family. At the conclusion of the story, Scarecrow replied, "Now don't you worry, Mrs. Warton. You stay right here and I'll see if I can find Froufrou."

Jock, Curly and Slugger looked at each other wondering just what they were sup-

posed to do with Mrs. Warton while Scarecrow went searching for the dog. But they were helpless. All they could hear was Mrs. Warton saying, "Oh you dear, dear boy," as Scarecrow disappeared out the door.

Scarecrow was gone an interminable length of time and the Wise Guys were at a loss as to how to entertain Mrs. Warton. However, she talked and talked and they didn't have to stir themselves except to listen. Curly was itching to go to a movie, Jock wanted to work on the radio he was building and Slugger wanted to slug away at his punching bag, but still Mrs. Warton talked on and on. She talked about Froufrou, about her late husband, and about what dear, dear boys they all were.

By the time Slugger wondered what he'd do if he heard the name Froufrou again, Scarecrow walked in the door with a fuzzy poodle under his arm. "Here, Mrs. Warton. Here is your Froufrou," he proudly said.

Mrs. Warton jumped from her chair and gathered the dog into her arms and muttered sweet nothings into the dog's ear. Finally she turned her attention to Scarecrow and said, "My dear boy. You have saved my doggie's life. I want you to have this for your trouble." With that statement she drew a diamond ring from her finger and handed it to Scarecrow.

Scarecrow was dumbfounded and replied, "But, Mrs. Warton, it was nothing! The dog was right . . ." But Mrs. Warton and Froufrou had walked out the door.

Scarecrow stared at the ring and couldn't say a word. Finally he muttered something that sounded like, "Mr. Blarnegie said it would pay off."

Slugger caught the statement and said in astonishment, "Mr. Blarnegie! You mean the man who lectured?"

"Sure," answered Scarecrow, "I got his book on how to be successful. I guess this is proof of his theory."

"Proof of his theory? Malarky!" answered Slugger. "If you keep that ring we split the reward. We deserve some pay-off for entertaining Mrs. Warton."

"Guess you're right there," answered Scarecrow. "She was pretty impossible. But, we can't keep this ring."

"Does Mr. Blarnegie recommend recovering lost dogs in his book?" asked Slugger.

"No, as a matter of fact, he doesn't," mused Scarecrow, scratching his head.

"Does Mr. Blarnegie say anything about leaving your friends to entertain a bore while you go out for glory?" queried Slugger as he winked at the other Wise Guys.

"No, as a matter of fact, he doesn't," contemplated Scarecrow.

"Does Mr. Blarnegie say you should scare off good kids like Jerry with high fallutin' manners?" continued Slugger.

"You're right, Slugger. You win! I'll toss out the book. But, you take back the ring!" concluded Scarecrow.

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OH! OHHH...MY STOMACH! I'M DYIN'; I TELL YA! GO GET THE DOC! OHH...

HE LOOKS PRETTY BAD- BETTER GET DR. HOLMES RIGHT AWAY!



FEOWWW!! HELP! AIEEE! GUARD! HELP!













SO LONG, OSSIFER!
YOU CAME TOO LATE!
I GOT WHAT I
CAME FOR!



DARLING—THIS
BROOCH! ITS JUST
TOO...TOO
WONDERFUL! IS
IT REALLY
FOR ME?

SURE, AND THERE'LL
BE MORE STUFF
LIKE IT...I'M LOADED!
THE SKY'S
THE LIMIT!



I'M **NOT** DRUNK,
AND NEITHER AM
I CRAZY! I TELL
YA, FIRST MY GUN
FLEW OUT OF MY
HAND...THEN, **WOOSH!**
I'M PINNED
AGAINST THE
WALL!

STOP KIDDING US,
DUBLIN! YOU
CAN'T EXPECT US
TO BELIEVE THAT!

NOW I'M
CONVINCED!
DUBLIN COULD
NEVER MAKE
UP A STORY
LIKE
THAT!



THIS ALL TIES IN WITH THAT ATOM
ENGINE STOLEN A COUPLE OF DAYS
AGO! ITS THE ONLY EXPLANATION FOR
THAT BANK ROBBERY AND DUBLIN'S
EXPERIENCE! I'M GOING TO SEE
BUDDINGTON SILLS—
HE'S THE ONE MAN
WHO CAN GIVE US
A GOOD IDENTIFI-
CATION OF THE MAN
WE'RE AFTER!

HE'S BEEN
CHECKING PIC-
TURES AT THE
ROGUES' GALLERY
EVER SINCE WE
RELEASED HIM! NO
LUCK SO FAR!



THIS IS THE
ONE! I'M POSITIVE!
I HAD PLENTY
OF TIME TO SEE
HIM WHEN HE
WAS TYING
ME UP!

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OH-OH, FOXO
CORBIN! HE'S A
CLEVER AND CRAFTY
CRIMINAL—JUST THE
TYPE TO PUT THE
ATOM BRICK TO
CRIMINAL USE!

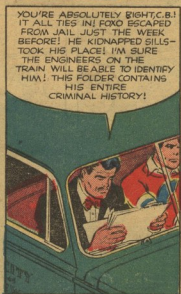


AS AN ATOMIC
POWER ENGINEER,
WOULD YOU SAY
THAT THE POWER
GENERATED BY
THE ATOM BRICK
COULD BE USED
IN REVERSE, AND
BE USED AS A
SUPER-POWERED
SUCTION AGENT?

NO DOUBT
ABOUT IT—IT
WOULD ONLY
REQUIRE THE
ADDITION OF
A REVERSE
SWITCH—
WHY?



THAT'S THE ANSWER
THAT EXPLAINS EVERY-
THING! FOXO IS USING
THE ATOM BRICK IN REVERSE
TO STEAL! HE'S A HUMAN
VACUUM PUMP! THE NEXT
STEP IS TO **FIND HIM!**
I'LL TAKE FOXO'S COMPLETE
FILE ALONG TO
SHOW LOOVER!



YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, C.B.!
IT ALL TIES IN! FOXO ESCAPED
FROM JAIL JUST THE WEEK
BEFORE! HE KIDNAPPED SILLS—
TOOK HIS PLACE! I'M SURE
THE ENGINEERS ON THE
TRAIN WILL BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY
HIM! THIS FOLDER CONTAINS
HIS ENTIRE
CRIMINAL HISTORY!

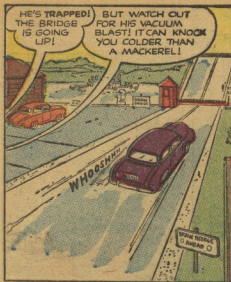


HEY—
FOR PETE'S
SAKE! WHAT
GOES ON?

IT'S FOXO! THE VACUUM!
HE SUCKED HIS
RECORDS OUT OF
YOUR HAND!

NOW I
THINK WE'VE
GOT HIM!

SWOOSH!





WHAT'S YOUR GUESS

WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT?



IT'S ANYBODY'S GUESS WHETHER THE VACUUM WILL COME TO BEFORE HIS ATOMIC POWERED MOTOR RUNS OUT OF FUEL! WILL THE VACUUM'S RIGHT ARM BE RUINED IF AND WHEN IT STOPS? THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF USES TO WHICH THE VACUUM PLANS TO PUT HIS FANTASTIC PUMP! HOW MANY CAN YOU THINK OF? DON'T MISS THE TON OF SURPRISES IN THE NEXT ISSUE'S STORY ABOUT THE VACUUM IN "STRENGTH OF A HUNDRED MEN"!

"Scram! You SKINNY Scarecrow!"

the boys shouted at me
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112 lb. 6 ft.
weakling
LOOK AT HIM NOW!



"They used to call me,
'SKINNY, SKINNY'"

But look
at me now
—an All-
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Jowett Cham-
pion"—says
John Sill, Utah, who
like millions, mailed
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like the one below
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muscle quality as
well as quantity."

Yours,

John Sill
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Only 90 DAYS ago!

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small **32 inch WAIST** the big 17
inch difference between my chest-
and waist attracts everybody's
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**MAN! aren't YOU as SICK and
TIRED as I and thousands of
MIGHTY JOWETT HE-MEN
WERE
OF
BEING SKINNY?**

Then, Come on, Pal, do as they did!
Give me **10 Pleasant Minutes a Day**
and I'll give YOU a **NEW HE-MAN BODY**
for your **OLD-SKELETON FRAME**.

NO! I don't care how skinny or flabby you are; if
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short or tall, or what work you do. All I want is to **MAKE**
YOU OVER by the SAME METHOD I turned myself from a
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YES! You'll see INCH upon INCH of MIGHTY MUSCLE
added to YOUR ARMS. Your CHEST deepened. Your BACK
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Gain Pounds, INCHES, FAST!

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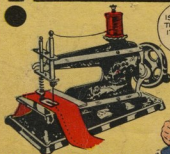
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